

**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,

Provides for continued examination of a utility or plant

Application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)

Application Number: 10/729,771
Filing Date: December 28, 2003
First Named Inventor: Erik De Groot
Group Art Unit: 2194
Examiner Name: Pham, Thai. V
Attorney Docket Number: I20 04992US
CUSTOMER NO.: 00128

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Note: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 153 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (August 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (March 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

a. XXXXX Previously submitted

i. XXXXX

Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 previously filed on February 26, 2008 (any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).

ii. _____

Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____

iii. _____

Other _____

b. _____ Enclosed

i. _____

Amendment/Reply with transmittal

ii. _____

Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iii. _____

Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) and PTO-1449

iv. _____

Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

a. _____ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i) required)

b. _____ Other _____

3. Fees The RCE fee Under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. §1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a. XXXXX The Director is hereby authorized to charge the RCE fee of \$810.00 and any deficiency in fees, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 01-0467.

i. XXXXX

RCE fee (\$810.00) required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e)

ii. _____

Extension of Time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)

iii. _____

Other _____

March 6, 2008
Date of Signature

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